

Amendment No. 1 to HB0032

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 1152**

**House Bill No. 32\***

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(4), is amended by:

(1) Deleting subdivision (B) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(B) Bronze Star (Valor) recipients;

and

(2) Adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

( ) Silver Star recipients;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(5)(E), is amended by:

(1) Adding the following as a new subdivision (i):

(i) Air Medal recipients;

(2) Deleting subdivision (ix) in its entirety;

(3) Inserting the language "(Meritorious)" between the language "Bronze Star" and "recipients"; and

(4) Redesignating present subdivision (i) and remaining subdivisions accordingly.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203(b), is amended by deleting subdivision (2) in its entirety and by renumbering the remaining subdivisions accordingly, and by adding the following as new, appropriately designated subdivisions:

( ) Bronze Star (Valor) recipients;

( ) Silver Star recipients;

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203(c)(1), is amended by:

(1) Inserting the language "(Meritorious)" between the language "Bronze Star" and "recipients";

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(2) Deleting subdivision (l) in its entirety and renumbering the remaining subdivisions accordingly; and

(3) Adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

( ) Air Medal recipients;

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) The department shall provide and issue, free of charge, to each resident of this state who is a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, upon presentation of proper application, Medal of Honor memorial registration plates for no more than two (2) motor vehicles or motor homes which are registered or leased for private use in the name of any one (1) recipient. For the purposes of this section, "private use" vehicle means any motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c) or motor home that is not used for hire or for any other commercial purpose.

(b) The Medal of Honor memorial plates provided for in this section shall be the same as regular registration plates, but shall be of a distinctive design which denotes the importance of these distinguished veterans and the high regard in which this state holds the heroic recipients of the highest military decoration. The legend shall read "Medal of Honor." The registration number of the plate shall include the letters "CM" and a unique identifying number.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-236(a), is amended by deleting the following language:

the Congressional Medal of Honor, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, the Navy Cross or the Air Force Cross,

and by substituting instead the following new language:

the Distinguished Service Cross, the Navy Cross, the Air Force Cross, the Silver Star, the Bronze Star (Valor), or the Distinguished Flying Cross,

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-236(b), is amended by designating the existing language as a new subdivision (1) and by adding the following as new subdivisions (2) and (3):

(2) A recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross, the Navy Cross, or the Air Force Cross shall be issued a distinctive Legion of Valor memorial plate. The legend shall read "Legion of Valor." The registration number of the plate shall include the letters "LV" and a unique identifying number.

(3) A recipient of the Silver Star, the Bronze Star (Valor), or the Distinguished Flying Cross shall be issued a distinctive Silver Star, Bronze Star (Valor) or Distinguished Flying Cross memorial plate, as appropriate.

(A) The Silver Star plates provided for in this section shall include an identification legend distinctive to recipients of the Silver Star. The legend shall read "Silver Star." The registration number of the plate shall include the letters "SS" and a unique identifying number.

(B) The Bronze Star (Valor) plates provided for in this section shall include an identification legend distinctive to recipients of the Bronze Star (Valor). The legend shall read "Bronze Star - Valor." The registration number of the plate shall include the letters "BSV" and a unique identifying number.

(C) The Distinguished Flying Cross plates provided for in this section shall include an identification legend distinctive to recipients of the Distinguished Flying Cross. The legend shall read "Distinguished Flying Cross." The

registration number of the plate shall include the letters "FC" and a unique identifying number.

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-236, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (c):

(c) Eligibility for the memorial plates provided for in this section and in § 55-4-\_\_\_\_ pertaining to recipients of the Medal of Honor shall be determined by the department by consulting the appropriate information on the DD214 form, or in a case of military service predating 1950, in consultation with appropriate information on the equivalent form or on other official documentation, or a written communication from the department of veterans affairs, the form, documentation or communication certifying that the application for the plate is submitted by a recipient of a military decoration described in this section, as appropriate.

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-231, is amended by deleting the language "Silver Star" wherever it appears and by substituting instead the language "Air Medal".

SECTION 10. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-231(b)(1), is amended by deleting the language "SS" and by substituting instead the language "RE".

SECTION 11. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-231, is amended by deleting the language "Bronze Star" wherever it appears in subsections (a) and (c) and by substituting instead the language "Bronze Star (Meritorious)".

SECTION 12. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-231(b)(2), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(2) The Bronze Star (Meritorious) plates provided for in this section shall include an identification legend distinctive to recipients of the Bronze Star (Meritorious). The legend shall read "Bronze Star - Meritorious." The registration number of the plate shall include the letters "BSM" and a unique identifying number.

SECTION 13. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-240, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

**55-4-240.** Memorial registration plates shall be issued in accordance with this part and § 55-4-235 pertaining to former prisoners of war, § 55-4-\_\_\_\_ pertaining to recipients of the Medal of Honor, § 55-4-236 pertaining to recipients of the Distinguished Service Cross, the Navy Cross, the Air Force Cross, the Silver Star, the Bronze Star (Valor), or the Distinguished Flying Cross, and § 55-4-237 pertaining to disabled veterans.

SECTION 14. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-278, is amended by deleting the following language wherever it appears in the section:

by § 55-4-236 for recipients of the Medal of Honor, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, the Navy Cross, or the Air Force Cross,

and by substituting instead the following new language:

by § 55-4-\_\_\_\_ for recipients of the Medal of Honor, § 55-4-236 for recipients of the Distinguished Service Cross, the Navy Cross, the Air Force Cross, the Silver Star, the Bronze Star (Valor), or the Distinguished Flying Cross,

SECTION 15. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-278(b), is amended by deleting the following language:

by § 55-4-231 for Silver Star and Bronze Star recipients,

and by substituting instead the following new language:

by § 55-4-231 for Air Medal and Bronze Star (Meritorious) recipients,

SECTION 16. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, any person issued a Medal of Honor, Legion of Valor, Silver Star, Bronze Star (Valor), Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star (Meritorious), or Air Medal license plate prior to July 1, 2013, shall be entitled to retain the license plate for vehicular use upon compliance with all motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles. Any Silver Star and Bronze Star (Valor) military cultural plates issued prior to July 1, 2013 shall be considered memorial plates upon their first renewal on or after July 1, 2013; provided, that such plates shall not be subject to the annual regular registration fee and shall be free of charge pursuant to § 55-4-203(b). Any Air Medal

memorial plates issued prior to July 1, 2013 shall be considered military cultural plates upon their first renewal or or after July 1, 2013; provided, that such plates shall be subject to the annual regular registration fee applicable to that category of plates pursuant to § 55-4-203(c)(1).

SECTION 17. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to the initial issuance and renewal of the memorial or military plates described in Section 16 on or after July 1, 2013.